"Regarding the revision of consent fee rates charged by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for establishing industries, commencing production, and for consent letters issued to mining projects."

Government of Maharashtra
Environment and Climate Change Department
Government Resolution No. : ENV-2026/CR-158/TC-1
Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mumbai – 400 032.
Date : 25/08/2026

Read:

1) The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, as amended (including by the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023 inserting Section 27A, and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024).
2) The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, as amended (including by the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023 inserting Section 21A).
3) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Rules thereunder, including the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended); the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016; and the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016.
4) MoEF&CC G.S.R. 84(E) dated 29.01.2025 – Control of Air Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025, and G.S.R. 85(E) dated 30.01.2025 – Control of Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025.
5) MoEF&CC Control of Air Pollution and Control of Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026 (notified 23.01.2026, in force from 27.01.2026).
6) Government Resolutions, Environment Department, dated 25.08.2011 (existing consent fee structure) and dated 21.08.2024 (Combined Consent and BMW Authorization fee for Health Care Establishments).
7) Minutes of 184th Meeting of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board dated 10.03.2025; Office Order issued by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board vide No. BO/MPCB/MS Section/B-01, dated 28.04.2025; and the Report of the Committee of Heads of Departments with Annexure-I & II.
8) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Letter No. MPC-29, Dated 25.07.2025.

Preamble :

Consequent upon the insertion of Section 21A in the Air Act, 1981 and Section 27A in the Water Act, 1974 by the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued the Control of Air Pollution and Control of Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025, which were thereafter amended by the Control of Air Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026 and Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026 (in force from 27.01.2026). Every State Board is required to act in accordance with the Guidelines as so amended.

The Air Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026 and Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026 effect the following material changes relevant to fee fixation : (a) the Consent to Operate, once granted, remains valid until it is cancelled, and the earlier category-wise validity periods, the provision for renewal, the 5% early-renewal rebate and the late-fee schedule have been removed; (b) the State Government / Union Territory Administration may prescribe a one-time Consent to Operate fee for any period from 5 to 25 years as applied for by the project proponent,

and a fresh one-time fee is payable for any extension of the period after its expiry; (c) a uniform definition of "capital investment" is introduced in Schedule II; (d) a single-step Consolidated Consent and Authorization is provided, covering the Air Act, the Water Act and authorizations under the waste management rules under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986; and (e) Micro and Small enterprises located in duly notified industrial estates / areas are granted deemed Consent to Establish upon submission of a self-certified Form-I.

The Guidelines continue to provide that the consent fee shall not exceed the upper limit specified in the Second Schedule; that the State may prescribe any lower fee with no mandated minimum; that the fee shall not be increased by more than ten per cent of the existing fee and not more than once in two years; and that the fee may be reduced any number of times.

The Guidelines, as amended in 2026, continue to provide that the fee specified in the Second Schedule is the upper limit (ceiling); that the State Government may prescribe any lower amount of fee with no mandated minimum; and that the fee may be reduced any number of times. The State is therefore entitled, as a matter of policy, to fix a fee equal to or lower than the Second Schedule rate.

As per the proposal of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board the matter being under the consideration of Government, the following decision is taken.

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION :

The rates of consent fee charged by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for grant of Consolidated Consent and Authorization under the Air Act, the Water Act and the applicable waste management rules are hereby revised as set out below, with effect from the date of issue of this Resolution. A single combined fee is levied in lieu of separate fees under the Air Act and the Water Act.

1. Definition of Capital Investment

For the purpose of computing the consent fee, "capital investment" means the total value of fixed assets, namely land, buildings (including staff quarters and guest houses), industrial premises, plant and machinery, and pollution-control equipment, but excluding operation and maintenance expenses and other revenue expenditure. In the case of leased premises, ten times the annual lease value or the guidance value of the property / land, whichever is higher, shall be treated as the cost of land for fee computation. (As per Schedule II of the Guidelines, as amended in 2026.)

2. Consent Fee for Industrial Plants

(a) Per-year combined fee.

The per-year combined consent fee for an industrial plant shall be computed by applying the following formula once for the consents under The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act and The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act together):

$$\mathbf{CF_a = CI \times SF \times PIF}$$

CF_a: Per-year combined fee (in Rs.)
CI: Capital Investment (in Rs.), as defined at Part 1
SF: Scale Factor (table below)
PIF: Pollution Index Factor (Green 1.00, Orange 1.50, Red 2.00)

Scale Factor (SF) :

Sr. No.	Capital Investment	SF
(i)	Rs. 1 Crore and below	0.100%
(ii)	Exceeding Rs. 1 Crore but not exceeding Rs. 10 Crores	0.080%
(iii)	Exceeding Rs. 10 Crores but not exceeding Rs. 50 Crores	0.060%

Sr. No.	Capital Investment	SF
(iv)	Exceeding Rs. 50 Crores but not exceeding Rs. 250 Crores	0.040%
(v)	Exceeding Rs. 250 Crores but not exceeding Rs. 500 Crores	0.030%
(vi)	Exceeding Rs. 500 Crores but not exceeding Rs. 1000 Crores	0.020%
(vii)	Exceeding Rs. 1000 Crores	0.010%

Pollution Index Factor (PIF) :

Sr. No.	Category	PIF
(i)	Green	1.00
(ii)	Orange	1.50
(iii)	Red	2.00

Slab mechanism: the maximum per-year fee of the preceding slab serves as the base for the next slab, and the Scale Factor of the next slab applies on the difference amount, i.e. CF_a = max. fee of preceding slab + {(difference of CI) × SF × PIF}.

(b) Category-wise rebate.

On the per-year combined fee so computed, a rebate is allowed of 50% for Green, 30% for Orange and 20% for Red category. The effective minimum per-year combined fee is Rs. 2,500 (Green), Rs. 5,250 (Orange) and Rs. 8,000 (Red). The slab-wise per-year combined fee is at Annexure-I .

(c) One-time Consent to Operate fee.

Consent to Operate is granted for a one-time fee for any period of 5 to 25 years as applied for by the project proponent, and once granted remains valid until cancelled. The one-time Consent to Operate fee shall be —

One-time CTO fee = CF_a (per-year combined fee, after rebate) × N

where N is the number of years (5 to 25) of the consent period applied for. A fresh one-time fee, computed on the fee prevailing at the time, shall be payable for any extension of the period after its expiry.

(d) Consent to Establish fee.

The Consent to Establish fee (one-time) shall be equal to one year's combined fee CF_a computed as above (without category rebate for Building and Construction projects under Categories 10.0 and 10.1). For Micro and Small enterprises located in duly notified industrial estates / areas, Consent to Establish shall be deemed to be granted upon submission of a self-certified Form-I, without fee.

3. Sector-specific Fees

For the sectors below, the per-year combined fee is as specified, and the one-time Consent to Operate fee = per-year fee × N (number of years, 5 to 25). A single combined fee is charged under the Air Act and the Water Act in lieu of separate fees.

(a) Local Bodies and Infrastructure projects (per-year fee based on sewage):

Sr.	Quantum of sewage generated	Local Body / Housing (Rs.)	Other than Housing (Rs.)
1	Up to 10 KLD	5,000	7,500
2	Above 10 up to 50 KLD	15,000	22,500
3	Above 50 up to 100 KLD	25,000	37,500
4	Above 100 up to 300 KLD	35,000	52,500

Sr.	Quantum of sewage generated	Local Body / Housing (Rs.)	Other than Housing (Rs.)
5	Above 300 up to 500 KLD	45,000	67,500
6	Above 500 KLD up to 1 MLD	55,000	82,500
7	Above 1 up to 5 MLD	75,000	1,12,500
8	Above 5 up to 10 MLD	1,00,000	1,50,000
9	Above 10 up to 25 MLD	2,00,000	3,00,000
10	Above 25 MLD	4,00,000	6,00,000

Consent to Establish for these projects shall be based on the capital-investment formula at Part 2(a). No rebate on Consent to Establish for Building and Construction projects (Categories 10.0 and 10.1).

(b) Mining projects:

Per-year combined fee = CC × MF × AF × TMF (minimum Rs. 5,000 per year), where CC = consented capacity (tonne/annum), with rebate 30% (Orange) and 20% (Red).

Sr.	Mineral Factor (MF)	MF
1	Manganese, Chromite, Steatite, Barites, Mica, Gold, Uranium, Silver, Copper, Lead, Zinc	1.0
2	Iron, Bauxite, Coal	0.8
3	Dolomite, Limestone, Gypsum, Feldspar, Garnet, Quartz, Silica State Stone, Bentonite, Pyropylite, Graphite, Phosphorite, Clays – China White, Fire and Ball	0.6
4	Other minerals such as stone quarry, Granite, Marble, River Sand / River-bed material etc.	0.4

Area Factor (AF) and Type of Mining Factor (TMF) :

Sr.	Lease-hold area in ha	AF	Type of Mining (TMF)
1	Up to 5	1.0	Open cast mining – 1.25
2	Above 5 to 25	1.2	Underground mining – 1.00
3	Above 25 to 100	1.4	
4	Above 100 to 500	1.6	
5	Above 500	1.7	

(c) Coffee pulping:

Per-year combined fee = BF × PF, where BF = Rs. 2,500 and PF = 1.25 (wet pulping) or 1.00 (dry pulping).

(d) Aqua-culture (per-year fee by lease-hold area) :

Sr.	Lease-hold area	Fee (Rs.)
1	Up to 5 Ha	Nil
2	Between 5 to 25 Ha	5,000
3	Above 25 to 100 Ha	25,000
4	More than 100 Ha	1,00,000

(e) Establishments with a diesel generator as the only source (per-year fee) :

Sr.	Rating of diesel generator set	Fee (Rs.)
1	Less than 250 KVA	Nil
2	250 KVA to < 500 KVA	1,000
3	500 KVA to < 1 MVA	2,000
4	1 MVA and above	5,000

4. Health Care Establishments – Combined Consent and BMW Authorization

For bedded hospitals, other Health Care Establishments and BMW management facilities, the bed-based structure of consent fees shall be as follow. The fee shall be per term where a term shall be of 3 years The term for which Consolidated Consent is granted shall be aligned to the period of 5 to 25 years applied for; the per-term fee shall apply for each such period :

Sr.	Health Care Establishment	**Fee (Rs.) per term** (one term = 3 years)
1	Zero bed (*)	1,000
2	1 – 10 beds	2,000
3	11 – 50 beds	5,000
4	51 – 100 beds	15,000
5	101 – 300 beds	50,000
6	301 – 500 beds	1,00,000
7	501 – 1000 beds	2,00,000
8	More than 1000 beds	5,00,000
9	Pathological lab, Blood bank, Diagnostic centre	5,000
10	BMW treatment facility (CBWTF)	1,00,000

- **State and Central Government health service establishments:** NIL (free), based on bed classification.
- **R&D activities and industries generating BMW:** Consolidated Consent and Authorization on the capital-investment basis.

[*] Zero-bed establishments (clinics, dispensaries, polyclinics, physiotherapy / acupuncture / dental / ophthalmic / skin-care / veterinary clinics, blood-donation and health check-up camps, sample-collection centres) : one term = three years.

5. Consolidated Consent, Validity and General Provisions

(a) A single-step Consolidated Consent and Authorization shall be granted under the Air Act, the Water Act and the waste management rules under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (including the Hazardous and Other Wastes Rules, 2016, the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016 and other applicable rules), through the unified online portal once operational.

(b) Consent to Operate, once granted, shall remain valid until cancelled in accordance with the Guidelines. A fresh one-time fee shall be payable only for extension of the period after expiry of the period for which the one-time fee was paid.

(c) The fee prescribed herein shall not exceed the upper limit of the Second Schedule of the Guidelines. Any future increase shall not exceed ten per cent of the existing fee and shall not be made more than once in two years; the fee may be reduced any number of times.

(d) Five per cent of the consent fee shall be credited to the Central Pollution Control Board as service fee in accordance with Section 33 of the Water Act, 1974 / the said Guidelines.

(e) Verification and inspection may be carried out by officers of the Board or by a Registered Environment Auditor engaged by the project proponent, in accordance with the Guidelines.

(f) The circular dated 12.07.2021 regarding penal fees for occupiers violating the combined-consent regime stands cancelled, as resolved by the Board.

(g) The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, is authorized to issue consequential circulars, configure the concerned online portal accordingly, and take all steps necessary to give effect to this Resolution. The revised rates take effect from the date of issue of this Resolution.

This Resolution is available on www.maharashtra.gov.in with computer code 202608251643157504, and is issued under digital signature of the competent authority.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

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To,

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11. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.
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ANNEXURE – I

Per-Year Combined Consent Fee (after rebate) – in Rupees

The figures below are the per-year combined consent fee computed by $CF_a = CI \times SF \times PIF$ with the category rebate (50% Green, 30% Orange, 20% Red), at the boundaries of each capital-investment slab. The one-time Consent to Operate fee = the applicable per-year fee × N, where N is the number of years (5 to 25) of the consent period applied for. The table is illustrative; the operative fee is the amount computed by the formula, subject to the Second Schedule ceiling.

Capital Investment (Rs. in Lakhs)	GREEN (50% rebate) (Rs.)	ORANGE (30% rebate) (Rs.)	RED (20% rebate) (Rs.)
Below 10	2,500	5,250	8,000
10 – 60	2,500 – 3,000	5,250 – 6,300	8,000 – 9,600
60 – 100	3,000 – 5,000	6,300 – 10,500	9,600 – 16,000
100 – 500	5,000 – 21,000	10,500 – 44,100	16,000 – 67,200
500 – 1,000	21,000 – 41,000	44,100 – 86,100	67,200 – 1,31,200
1,000 – 2,500	41,000 – 86,000	86,100 – 1,80,600	1,31,200 – 2,75,200
2,500 – 5,000	86,000 – 1,61,000	1,80,600 – 3,38,100	2,75,200 – 5,15,200
5,000 – 7,500	1,61,000 – 2,11,000	3,38,100 – 4,43,100	5,15,200 – 6,75,200
7,500 – 10,000	2,11,000 – 2,61,000	4,43,100 – 5,48,100	6,75,200 – 8,35,200
10,000 – 25,000	2,61,000 – 5,61,000	5,48,100 – 11,78,100	8,35,200 – 17,95,200
25,000 – 50,000	5,61,000 – 9,36,000	11,78,100 – 19,65,600	17,95,200 – 29,95,200
50,000 – 1,00,000	9,36,000 – 14,36,000	19,65,600 – 30,15,600	29,95,200 – 45,95,200
Above 1,00,000	Above 14,36,000	Above 30,15,600	Above 45,95,200

Illustration: a Red-category plant of capital investment Rs. 1,500 lakh (Rs. 15 crore) with a per-year combined fee of Rs. 1,79,200 (after 20% rebate), opting for a 10-year Consent to Operate, would pay a one-time CTO fee of Rs. 17,92,000 (1,79,200 × 10), plus a one-time Consent to Establish fee of one year's fee, within the Second Schedule ceiling.

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